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that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: **METHODS AND MEANS FOR MODIFICATION OF PLANT CHARACTERISTICS USING THE VERNALIZATION GENE VRN2**

the specification of which [check one(s) applicable]

was filed 28 January 2000 as International Application No. PCT/GB00/00248 on which U.S. Patent Application No. 09/890,220 is based.

and was amended by Amendment filed \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable); [or];

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that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Rule 56 (a) [37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)].

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